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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2007–08 REGULAR SESSION

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 665

Introduced by Assembly Member DeSaulnier
(Coauthors: Assembly Members ~~Huffman~~ Hancock, Huffman, and
Leno)

February 21, 2007

An act to add ~~Sections 65040.7 and~~ *Section 65075* to the Government Code, *and to add Section 50461 to the Health and Safety Code*, relating to land use.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 665, as amended, DeSaulnier. Growth management.

Existing law provides that the Office of Planning and Research within the Governor's office serves as the state's comprehensive planning agency in the formulation, evaluation, and updating of, among other things, long-range goals and policies for land use, population growth and distribution, urban expansion, development, open space, resource preservation and utilization, air and water quality, and other factors that shape statewide development patterns and significantly influence the quality of the state's environment.

~~This bill would require the office to review and provide comments on the most recently adopted regional transportation plan of each transportation planning agency, and to review and comment on each~~

~~subsequent proposed plan, and to provide comments to the agency, as specified.~~

The bill would ~~also~~ provide that the University of California Transportation Center is invited to solicit proposals from University of California faculty during the 2008–09 academic year to produce a report on the best practices of transportation-land use planning and growth management, that includes specified criteria.

The bill would also require the Department of Housing and Community Development to produce an annual Growth Management Information Report using key indicators of growth by region as a guide.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes.
State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

1 SECTION 1. The Legislature finds and declares all of the
2 following:

3 (a) There exists a need to assess California’s current ability to
4 manage its growth at the local, regional, and state level. The best
5 way to do this is by gathering information from appropriate local,
6 regional, and state agencies.

7 (b) The state needs to coordinate the study of the current best
8 practices of other states and countries regarding ~~smart~~ growth
9 management to make recommendations that will improve the
10 state’s ability to manage anticipated growth in order to ensure that
11 future generations of Californians have the highest quality of life.

12 ~~SEC. 2. Section 65040.7 is added to the Government Code, to~~
13 ~~read:~~

14 ~~65040.7. The Governor’s Office of Planning and Research~~
15 ~~shall review and provide comments on the most recently adopted~~
16 ~~regional transportation plan prepared pursuant to Sections 65080~~
17 ~~and 65080.5 of each transportation planning agency, and shall~~
18 ~~review and comment on each subsequent proposed regional~~
19 ~~transportation plan, and shall provide comments to the~~
20 ~~transportation planning agency, evaluating the extent to which the~~
21 ~~plan will assist a region to achieve all of the following:~~

22 ~~(a) A jobs-housing balance.~~

23 ~~(b) Directing growth away from significant farmlands and~~
24 ~~habitat.~~

1 ~~(e) Directing growth to areas within walking distance of a major~~
2 ~~transit station or hub.~~

3 ~~SEC. 3.~~

4 ~~SEC. 2.~~ Section 65075 is added to the Government Code, to
5 read:

6 65075. The University of California Transportation Center is
7 invited to solicit proposals from University of California faculty
8 during the 2008–09 academic year to produce a report on the best
9 practices of transportation-land use planning and growth
10 management, that includes, but is not limited to, all of the
11 following:

12 (a) The generally accepted planning oversight and
13 implementation structures of other states in the United States and
14 foreign industrialized nations facing planning and growth
15 challenges similar to those currently being experienced by the
16 state.

17 (b) An assessment of the state's transportation and land use
18 practices and a comparison of their performance in managing
19 growth that includes all of the ~~following criteria specified in~~
20 ~~subdivision (a) of Section 50461 of the Health and Safety Code~~
21 with respect to each regional transportation plan prepared and
22 adopted pursuant to Sections 65080 and 65080.5:

23 ~~(1) The amount of housing produced compared to the population~~
24 ~~growth and the employment growth of the region.~~

25 ~~(2) The amount of affordable housing produced compared to~~
26 ~~the need for affordable housing.~~

27 ~~(3) The jobs-housing balance.~~

28 ~~(4) The change in vehicle miles traveled per household and in~~
29 ~~total within, to, and throughout the region.~~

30 ~~(5) The amount of habitat developed and the amount of habitat~~
31 ~~protected.~~

32 ~~(6) The amount of farmland developed and the amount of~~
33 ~~farmland protected.~~

34 ~~(7) The percentage of population by region within walking~~
35 ~~distance of major public transit stations or hubs.~~

36 ~~(8) The percentage of population by region within walking~~
37 ~~distance of a park or public recreational area.~~

38 ~~(9) The areas covered by urban growth boundaries. Sections~~
39 ~~65080 and 65080.5.~~

1 (c) Recommendations to the Assembly Select Committee on
2 Growth Management on future improvements that the state may
3 consider implementing.

4 SEC. 3. Section 50461 is added to the Health and Safety Code,
5 to read:

6 50461. (a) The department shall produce an annual Growth
7 Management Information Report using key indicators of growth
8 by region as a guide. The report shall include, but is not limited
9 to, all of the following criteria by region:

10 (1) The amount of housing produced and existing compared to
11 the population, the population growth, and the employment growth
12 of the region.

13 (2) The amount of affordable housing produced compared to
14 the need for affordable housing.

15 (3) The jobs-housing balance.

16 (4) The vehicle miles traveled per household and in total within,
17 to, and throughout the region compared to the previous year, the
18 previous five years, and the previous 10 years.

19 (5) The amount of habitat converted to urban uses and the
20 amount of habitat protected during the prior year.

21 (6) The amount of farmland converted to urban uses and the
22 amount of farmland protected during the prior year.

23 (7) The percentage of population by region within walking
24 distance of major public transit stops, stations, or hubs.

25 (8) The percentage of population by region within walking
26 distance of a park or public recreational area.

27 (9) The areas covered by urban growth boundaries.

28 (b) The report shall also include an analysis of the
29 implementation of Chapter 1016 of the Statutes of 2002, and any
30 other measures of growth deemed appropriate by the department.

31 (c) For purposes of this section “region” means the area within
32 a transportation planning agency designated under Section 29532
33 or 29532.1 of the Government Code.